

## MISSISSIPPI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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**SUBJECT: Mississippi Disaster Housing Program for Newton**

(Jackson) – The Mississippi Disaster Housing Program (DHP) is available to citizens in Newton County that qualify for damages received from the tornado on **December 19, 2002**. If you received damages to your primary residence as a result of the severe weather and tornado, call **(1-800-434-4243)** and apply for the Disaster Housing Program no later than February 24, 2003. Once you call and complete an application over the phone, a site inspection/survey of the damaged home will be scheduled and conducted by a MEMA representative. The representative will need proof of ownership and occupancy at the time of incident and will provide the necessary information to determine **the type and the amount of assistance you may be eligible for**. Information required at the time the application is taken:

- The address of the damaged residence and address of where you currently reside.
- The phone number (s) where we can get in touch with you.
- Have your Social Security Number available.
- Be prepared to provide pertinent data regarding your household (family members, number, names, ages, and any special needs, etc.).
- Name of your mortgage company with address and telephone number.
- Have insurance policy and settlement information available.
- All information provided is subject to be verified for accuracy.

Homeowners may qualify for up to three (3) months rental assistance or they can choose to apply the amount of the rental assistance towards minimal home repair assistance. The necessary repairs must be used to make the residence, safe, sanitary and secure. If you are a renter you may qualify for one (1) month of rental assistance. **Items that are not covered by the DHP are personal property such as carpet, any flooring, clothing, appliances, food and vehicles.** The Disaster Housing Program is a grant program funded by the Mississippi Legislature and the money does not have to be repaid. **The deadline for filing an application is February 24, 2003.**

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